



# Rochester Hills Minutes - Draft

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## Green Space Advisory Board

*Chairperson William Windscheif, Vice Chairperson Paul Funk*

*Members: Gerald Carvey, Tim Gauthier, Lynn Loeb, Lorraine McGoldrick, Dahlvin Peterson,  
Jack Robinson, Pamela Wallace  
Council Member Ravi Yalamanchi*

*Youth Representatives: Molly Graham, Leo Oriet, Orfeh Vahabzadeh*

*Staff Members: Kurt Dawson, Michael Hartner, Roger Moore*

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Tuesday, July 22, 2008

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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### CALL TO ORDER

*Chairperson Windscheif called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.*

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 8 - Paul Funk, Gerald Carvey, Tim Gauthier, Lorraine McGoldrick, Jack Robinson, William Windscheif, Lynn Loeb and Dahlvin Peterson

**Absent** 1 - Pamela Wallace

*Non-Voting Members Present: Kurt Dawson, Mike Hartner, Roger Moore, Leo Oriet, and Ravi Yalamanchi*

*Non-Voting Members Absent: Molly Graham and Orfeh Vahabzadeh*

*Others Present: Heather Huffstutler, Steward, Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy*

*Committee Member Wallace provided previous notice she would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**2008-0368** Regular Meeting - June 24, 2008

**Attachments:** [062408 GSAB DRAFT Minutes.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

*It was noted that the next meeting date should read as July 22, 2008. The June 24, 2008 minutes will reflect the correction.*

**This matter was Approved as Amended**

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 24, 2008 as amended. The next meeting date will be reflected as July 22, 2008.

## COMMUNICATIONS

*Member McGoldrick announced the next meeting for the National Area Advisory Group would be July 29, 2008 at 10 AM.*

- 2008-0399** Adoption of Resolution to reschedule August 26, 2008 Regular Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB) meeting to September 2, 2008.

*Board members discussed attending the Clinton River Trail (CRT) Visioning meeting on Tuesday August 26, 2008 which would conflict with the regularly scheduled GSAB meeting on the same evening. The board consensus was to reschedule the GSAB regular Tuesday August 26, 2008 meeting to Tuesday, September 2, 2008 to allow GSAB members to participate in the CRT meeting. Staff will post the appropriate public notice. Chairperson Windscheif volunteered to contact Mr. Dan Keifer, Friends of the Clinton River Trail, to advise him the GSAB members' would in at attendance.*

### **This matter was Approved**

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB) agrees to reschedule its Regular Meeting for August 26, 2008 at 7:00 PM to Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM to allow GSAB members to attend the Clinton River Trail meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2008.

Further Resolved that the City Clerk shall provide proper notice of the Meeting Time change pursuant to 15.265 Section 5(3) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976 as amended.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*Chairperson Windscheif acknowledged that Rochester Hills residents Ms. Melinda Hill and Ms. Laura Douglas were in attendance.*

*Ms. Hill announced that the Clinton River Trail Visioning Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 26, 2008 to discuss the trail and amenities. She also announced that the Friends of the Clinton River Trail Fall Classic Bike Tour will be September 20, 2008.*

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2008-0133** GSAB Stewardship & Advocacy Sub-Committee

*Member Carvey reported the sub-committee met with Ms. Heather Huffstutler, Land Steward for Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy on July 21, 2008 and walked the donated River Crest property. Ms. Huffstutler presented a draft stewardship plan. The draft plan may afford GSAB the opportunity to better understand a stewardship plan and elements of stewardship pertaining to city-owned open space and potential properties that GSAB may acquire. GSAB could then make recommendations to Rochester Hills City Council regarding stewardship of city-owned open space.*

*Ms. Huffstutler's presentation included a brief background regarding the name change of Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy from Oakland Land Conservancy. Oakland Land Conservancy has been in existence for almost 10 years and merged with Macomb, Lapeer and Genesee to expand the region to include six (6) watersheds: Huron, Flint, Shiawassee, Rouge, Belle and Clinton Rivers. Six Rivers signed a management agreement with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Rochester College to monitor and develop a stewardship plan for the easement that the DEQ holds over the flood plain on Rochester College's property. Six Rivers also monitors a preserve in Rochester Hills along the Clinton River for about 1.25 miles at Adams & Hamlin Roads.*

*Ms. Huffstutler stated after visiting the River Crest property, the biggest theoretical threat may be erosion. Discussion ensued regarding the draft stewardship plan relative to the River Crest property and proposed fee schedule. Also discussed were different levels of stewardship that can be defined for specific properties and can evolve as properties evolve. Some examples are:*

- \* Level 1 - establish someone to monitor properties once a year and provide a report to GSAB and City Council. This would also provide a baseline of information to track changes from year to year.*
- \* Level 2 - hold two (2) volunteer days or public hike events to educate the public on the location of the open space/public parks to include discussions of invasive plants, etc.*
- \* Level 3 - contract with a consultant to monitor any large invasive plant problem to include replanting or reseeding, etc.*

*Members had a general discussion that included the following:*

- \* Uses of green space property*
- \* Levels of stewardship needed for open spaces*
- \* Community stewardship programs*
- \* Monetary resources for stewardship including the question regarding use of GSAB millage funds for stewardship*
- \* Quality of life and how it relates to stewardship for open spaces and park properties*
- \* Economic/property values regarding stewardship*
- \* Develop recommendations to City Council regarding stewardship considerations that go tandem with acquiring green space properties.*

*The Stewardship sub-committee agreed to develop recommendations on potential stewardship concepts to include funding. It will include input of all GSAB members. It will be discussed at the October GSAB meeting.*

*The board members thanked Ms. Huffstutler for her presentation.*

**This matter was Discussed**

*Member Funk distributed the latest consolidation of members' input regarding GSAB's revised Work Plan. It was suggested that members provide final input and Member Funk will prepare the final Work Plan for distribution to GSAB members by early August.*

**This matter was Discussed**

**2008-0131** GSAB Communication, Promotion & Media Sub-Committee

*Member Funk reported that the presentation was successful to Council regarding the recommendation to acquire the Harding Road property.*

**This matter was Discussed**

**2008-0132** GSAB Property Nominations & Acquisitions Sub-Committee

*Member Gauthier reported that he will be updating the acquisitions log for the August meeting. The sub-committee will be contacting Oakland Township to see if they have found any acquisition grant opportunities.*

**This matter was Discussed**

**2007-0753** Update regarding any nominated properties

*Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry, reported that the administration has been in contact with the Harding Road property owners and discussions are on-going. A grant application is being prepared to meet the August 1, 2008 deadline and will be submitted when authorized by the administration. There are no other updates at this time.*

**This matter was Discussed**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*None.*

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*Chairperson Windscheif encouraged GSAB members to contact Leanne Scott, Council Liaison, to support the re-appointment of Leo Oriet as Youth Representative to GSAB for the 2008-2009 school year.*

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

*- Tuesday, September 2, 2008 - 7:00 PM [rescheduled from Tuesday, August 26, 2008]*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Windscheif adjourned the meeting at 8:44 PM*

*Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.*

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*William Windscheif, Chairperson*